



Perpetual QUEST

"Like a deer that yearns for running streams so my soul longs for you my God."

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Our Response to Violence...

In the aftermath of the bomb blasts of 7/11, many questions have emerged. Why did the terrorists want to make a statement written in blood, death and doom, condemning innocent people? Have not the people of Mumbai, lived and worked together in harmony, giving it a genuinely cosmopolitan character, and making this city what it is today? Why us? Why was Mumbai targeted, is it some fault of ours, that we should suffer the wrath of few misguided individuals? What do we do in the face of violent acts?
React or respond?

Some **reacted** by trying to fuel the flames of hatred and discontent, targeting and looking with suspicion on individuals and specific communities. Others **responded** by looking beyond the immediate violent acts, in trying to identify the underlying causes. Violence does not erupt in a vacuum – it erupts as an expression of protest. But against what? A few possible reasons could be the increased injustices, wide economic disparities, exploitation, and



domination of some world powers, upsetting the equilibrium elsewhere, and thus causing a tsunami effect in far flung countries.

As we look closer we realize the people of Mumbai did not deserve this disaster. They are not to blame. The blame lies outside the parameters of Mumbai. Though it is true Mumbai was the target, the blame lies elsewhere – in India, or even in the world at large. One thing is certain : the people of Mumbai are not insulated from outside influences. Being a thriving cosmopolitan city, Mumbai is bound to be a target for discontented groups.
What then do we do?

The city of Mumbai is a blend of different religions, cultures, communities, and ideologies. In this lies its strength, and the answers to a possible solution. It takes just a minute to chop off the hand of another in a fit of rage, but it takes a team of specialist doctors a long time to fit it back. The terrorists provided a platform for men of goodwill, religious, social and community

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leaders to join hands and address the problem of violence.

One such praiseworthy initiative has been taken by the Bombay Catholic Subha, under the leadership of Fr. Allwyn D'Silva and Dolphy D'Souza. They have initiated a process in collaboration with other likeminded groups, and started a process of reflection in organizing a programme – “**Campaign against Violence.**” This

campaign would involve a long-term plan, and positive action with our active involvement. It would mean also, that communities refrain from exaggerating their differences and magnifying their uniqueness; instead they need to network with others and start a process towards harmonious living. It was felt the need of the hour was to strengthen secular forces at grassroots and at other levels, and start cultivating human values of brotherhood and respect. An interesting point made here was that we learn brotherhood, love and harmonious living from the slum-dwellers and lower strata of society, rather than preach to them. At this meeting, Mrs. Teesta Setalvad observed that the paradox of our nation which championed non-violence, is now a very violent society where domestic violence, caste discrimination, communal violence, atrocities against women and even state-supported violence are daily occurrences. She further said that the middle class, pressurized from all sides bears the brunt of the consequences, **but fails to unite and take a stand.** It is time we stop cursing politicians,



bureaucracy, judiciary and administrators and rather curse ourselves for our inaction, insensitivity and passive acceptance. This praiseworthy and long-term venture will not succeed, unless we Christians throw in the weight of our numbers and goodwill to make it a reality.

We point our finger and condemn the terrorists, but maybe we Christians can learn a lesson from them. Terrorists are not

fighting for a religion, but for a cause, which they believe is just and will become a reality in future. They are ready to die for this cause. I wonder if we are as committed, as the terrorist is, to the cause of proclaiming the gospel. Do we even believe that gospel is good news? We offer excuses, and make all sorts of compromises. For something that is of great concern to our children's future, for instance corruption in public life, are we ready to put our lives on the line. We organize all sorts of welfare programmes in our parishes, but how many would join or lend their support to groups that are demanding action in favour of better social, civic and political structures, better governance, moral values. If we are interested or concerned, we cannot afford to be self-complacent onlookers, we must be involved. Our Small Christian Communities are action groups, channels through which we collaborate with like-minded groups for a better society. The time has come to move from 'Small Christian Communities' to 'Small Human Communities',” the better to realize our potential, as messengers of the good news.

Fr. Edgar Moreira

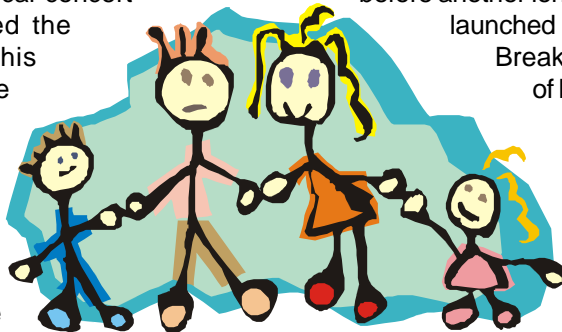


Did You Know ????

OLPS parish is always bustling with so much activity. We have a number of groups in our parish, including kids to grandparents, who add so much fun and life to our parish and church activities.

Well friends, we the Youth Group are indeed very proud to be a part of this vibrant and happening parish. Just in case you've been wondering what we were upto, here's a little peep into the activities we have been engaged in :

As we all know, the new Parish team took over in 2005 and from that time onwards Fr. Aldrin Nunes took over as our Youth Co-ordinator as we bade Fr. Freddy goodbye. In the October vacation last year, the youth attended a one-day Holiday Camp called "Stress busters and handling Relationships." This was followed by the Diwali Camp which the youth organised for children between 5 to 14 years of age from November 3rd to 10th. This camp included games, competitions and learning sessions. The highlight of Nov 2005 was the WHACKO Cricket cup in which we represented our Parish at Saki Naka as 2 teams. We reached the quarter finals but could not make it to the finals. However, OLPS Parish won the 'Best Poster Prize' and all of us returned home with small trophies which were awarded to all the participants. The WHACKO cricket cup was truly a great experience as all of us (girls and boys) practiced for it and our hardwork and talent definitely paid off! Later in Nov. the Youth of our parish attended a musical concert at Orlem, Malad called the 'Rock of All Ages'. This concert was a unique blend of devotional and rock music so we could literally head-bang in God's name. Nov 27th 2005 was a very special day in our Parish as Fr. Frankie



Menezes celebrated 50 years of priesthood. We, the youth did our bit to celebrate this day as few of us performed a 'Salsa Dance' at the Cultural Programme that evening which was hugely appreciated. Come December and you would have seen us busy preparing for Christmas—no..no..not just sweets but the youth group prepared the Carol singing, Crib and the Star.

From December 15th to 21st, Youth Group went all around the Parish spreading the Christmas message through song. We also visited the 'Balanand' orphanage and the NASEOH home for the physically and mentally challenged and sang some carols for them. All of us youth, truly enjoyed the carol singing with all its fun, togetherness and spirit of sharing our happiness with the world on the occasion of our Savior's birth. The Crib and Star this year was a unique blend of immense hardwork, talent and idea! The crib depicted the city of Bethlehem as the 24 communities of the OLPS Parish with the OLPS Church at its centre with a small pathway leading to the manger in which baby Jesus lay.

In this way, we highlighted the fact that the only way to the Holy Family and a true Christmas was through the Church. The Crib and the Star were truly splendid and were ranked as one of the best our Parish has ever put up. The last big event for the year 2005 was the picnic to Alibaug on the 30th of December. It was surely a great way to spend the day together with a whole lot of games, fun and sand! It was a great getaway before another long year took off. The Youth launched into the New year with the Breakfast Sunday on the 12th of February. The novel items on the menu definitely won hearts and stomachs of many! Our youth group volunteers helped at the TOP programme this April. It was a day of Orientation

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for those children who had appeared for their SSC Examinations in March.

As is done each year, the youth organised the "SUMMER CAMP" for our little kids from the 3rd to 10th of May. This time we had an all time high of over 150 children. Each day was filled with games, competitions and a whole lot of fun. We had special sessions for the children too : A day when we taught them craft and yoga and another day of dance lessons.

The camp ended with a cultural programme for which the parents were invited. The highlight of the programme was a fashion show in which our tiny tots walked the ramp with "Summer Wear".

The summer camp was a great success and we received a lot of positive feedback from the kids and their parents. Even we look forward to this time of the year, when we spend our time with all these little kids who teach us so much in their own little way with their innocence, love and simplicity. Kids we truly miss you!

This year, the Parish Council organised a 3 day holiday camp for us from the 26th to 28th of May. We had a lot of fun here through games and some very enlightening sessions on 'Self-Discovery'. At the Parish feast this year, we thought of opting for a change and put up a skit instead of a dance, which was titled 'The Prodigal Son' in which we highlighted the values of honesty and true friendship. Some of our youth also performed a Konkani dance. Both the performances were greeted with huge applause and compliments.

Recently, some of our youth attended a session by Bishop Bosco Penha at St.Pius College, Goregaon where we were informed about the various activities coming up this year. Many of our youth attended the 'Rainbow' Parish festival at Pestom Sagar on the 20th of August. The entire youth group freaked out at the 'Deanery Day' on 27th August at Ghatkopar where we also performed a Konkani dance item representing OLPS Parish.

OLPS Parish celebrated the 8th September in 2 ways : One was the birthday of Our Lady and the other was the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Priesthood of our very own Rector, Rev. Fr. Gregory Noronha. After a solemn mass, a cultural programme was held at Sevadaan where, we the youth rocked the stage! We put up a rock'n' roll dance depicting his college life, a skit portraying his seminary days and a Bollywood number potraying his life in Bangalore. Our many days of training , practice and hardwork surely paid off as we managed to win many hearts with our rocking performance and splendid costumes!

Well, now we are all busy catching up on homework and college lectures as exams are just around the corner. But you can see us in action every 3rd Sunday of the month at the evening Mass where we organize the liturgy and the choir. Do come and join us in praising God!

Being a part of the Youth Group in the OLPS Parish is one of the best experiences any young individual can have. It brings out the talent and genius in us and helps us to enjoy life through mutual understanding, love, unity, togetherness and a whole lot of fun.. C'EST LA VIE!

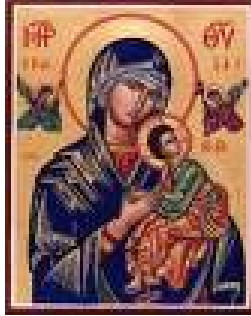
Danielle Moniz

- » *Wrinkled with burden?
Come to Church for a face-lift.*
- » *Suffering from truth decay?
Brush up your Bible.*
- » *Worry is the dark room where
negatives develop.*
- » *Be fishers of men - You catch
them, He'll clean them.*



The Art of Living Simplified – the Parish Feast Novena

Rev. Fr. Paul Thomas C.Ss.R., Provincial, willingly responded to the invitation of our Parish Priest to preach the Novena. During his few visits to the parish, he must have found us parishioners smiling less and therefore decided to preach on “Be Happy”. He began the novenas by saying that true happiness is found in Jesus. Jesus has given us a formula for happiness and these are called the Beatitudes.



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus began His public ministry with this good news. Kingdom usually means a territory; for Jesus it meant salvation. Salvation is manifested in ‘Shalom’, meaning peace – a harmonious relationship between God and man, man and man and man and nature. Salvation is explained as ‘poor in spirit’. For Jesus to be poor meant to be totally dependent on the Father. We need to ask ourselves today, do we have this attitude to become poor in spirit? To be poor in spirit we have to open our hearts to Jesus from inside. When we are poor in spirit, we will be rich in God’s love.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

We ask ourselves if we live a good life, then why do bad things happen to us? Jesus said the opposite – “whoever does not carry his cross and follow me, cannot be my disciple” [Lk 14:27]. How then can we find relief from suffering? Those who suffer develop sensitivity. Our hearts change. When we go through suffering relationships change, friendships become more precious.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Jesus refused to be the Messiah of power. He was kind and compassionate, and His works of

mercy proved this. To be gentle does not mean we allow ourselves to be trampled upon, or become a doormat, it does not mean that we accept injustice, bowing down with unlimited patience. If you follow the path of gentleness, love abounds and hope deepens.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

To be righteous means to be honest, to have a desire to live a positive life. God knows no one is perfect, it is not perfection that matters, but the willingness to do what God wants us to do.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Why are some people still happy despite being hurt? It is because of our attitude; it is not what happens that matters, but how we react to what happens. Humanly it is difficult to forgive. It is only when we have faith, is it possible to liberate ourselves from anger and hurt. Reverse negative to positive, pray, invite Jesus into your heart; let God’s Holy Spirit heal you.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

If there is any hostility towards anyone, if we have done anything illegal or immoral, and have not repented over it and confessed it then our hearts are not pure. Negative feelings block faith because we prevent the Holy Spirit from working in us. Here are a few steps to keep our hearts pure. Clean up - If there is some hatred and bitterness in our hearts towards someone, decide to forgive, say a forgiving prayer. Give up - become pure in heart by giving up something you like very much which is in fact harmful. Take up - something that is productive. We have to live for a cause, take up Jesus’ cause.

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Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Peace is a harmonious relationship between family and friends. Jesus bought peace through his sufferings, and we can experience Jesus' peace by way of forgiveness, love and sacrifice. Peacemakers are those who bring people together, they are repairers of breaches.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Persecution becomes salvific when we face it the way Jesus did – by way of forgiveness and love. Be prepared to face persecution bravely. Equip ourselves with the Armour of Prayer, Sacraments and the Word of God. Persevere in doing what is right. Persist in trusting God. Pray for courage and strength. When we are persecuted God gives us courage and strength to go through suffering.

Jesus gave us these spiritual laws – The Beatitudes – so that we may have the gift of abundant life and the secret of happy living as Mary, His Mother had. You and I can choose to be happy, no matter what. Amen

While the modern gurus hold discourses and seminars on 'The Art of Living' at 5-star hotels, Fr. Paul Thomas preached humbly from the pulpit of the OLPS Church. While the gurus charge fees as high as the sky, no collection box was passed around on week-days. And while the teachings of the gurus most times fall on rocky ground, we hope and pray that in our parish it fell on fertile soil.

Thank you Fr. Paul – Shalom! You have shown us the path of Happiness.

Yvonne Miranda

***Thank you,
Heavenly Father.***



I want to thank You for what you have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves; I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; I am thanking you right now. I am thanking you because I am alive. I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties. I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles.....

I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I'm thanking you because FATHER, YOU haven't given up on me.

God is just so good, and he's good all the time. Spread this message and continue to THANK HIM.



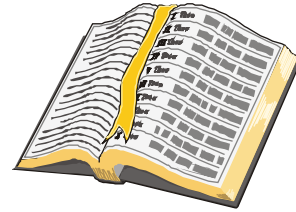
Words Of Wisdom

“For God’s wisdom is wiser than human wisdom...”
(1Cor. 1/26)

“All wisdom is plagiarism (intellectual robbery),
only foolishness is original” -- W.B. Yeats

“When that realization dawns on all that I have gained and amassed over the years that it is only the One who is above all else and beyond all else, the so-called Prime Mover, from whom I had relatively less time, who is in control of me, then I am growing in wisdom. In my nothingness God becomes everything, the poles fuse, the universe reverberates with one sound - the soundless divinity, then I will be able to join the Bridegroom in the universal dance”

“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and all about me seemed insufficient for the day”
-- William Adams.



Answers to the Quiz on Mary, our Mother

- 1) Name Mother Mary’s parents.
(Joaquim & Anne)
- 2) Name the months of the year set aside specially for the Rosary by the Church.
(May, October)
- 3) The Litany of Our Lady comprises of _____ salutations. **(51)**
- 4) When does the Church celebrate Mother Mary’s birthday? **(8th September)**
- 5) 15th August is the feast of the _____. **(Assumption)**
- 6) The Annunciation is celebrated on _____. **(25th March)**
- 7) Name the disciple who was asked to be Mary’s son and take care of her after Jesus’ death. **(John)**
- 8) Name the first miracle performed by Jesus at the request of Mary.
(Turned water into wine at the Wedding Feast of Cana)
- 9) The Novena to Mary our Mother is conducted by our Church on _____ (name the day of the week).
(Saturdays)
- 10) Name Mary’s cousin. **(Elizabeth)**
- 11) Name Mary’s nephew. **(John the Baptist)**
- 12) Name Mary’s husband. **(Joseph)**
- 13) Who was the angel who announced that Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus?
(Gabriel)
- 14) Write the full form of O L P S.
(Our Lady of Perpetual Succour)
- 15) What were the words uttered by Elizabeth when Mary visited her?
(You are the Most Blessed of all women and Blessed is the Child you will bear – Lk 1:42)



An evening to remember !!

Indeed, Friday, 8th Sept. 2006, was a memorable evening! The Redemptorist Community in Chembur under the initiative of Fr. James, chose the birthday of our Mother Mary to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the profession of **Fr. Gregory Noronha**, the Regional Superior and Rector. Along with him, Fr. Cyril Stanislaus, based in Kotagiri, was also felicitated. The Mass was concelebrated with 9 priests, including Fr. Theo from Goa, who is a consultant on the Regional Council. The mother and other family members of Fr. Gregory also came from Goa for this occasion.

Sr. Sangeeta and her team organized the liturgy well, with the entrance dance procession done by the children of St. Anthony's school, the choir comprising the children from OLPS and St. Anthony's schools. The triple 'aarti' during the Doxology was performed by the Sisters from Ashraya. Our faithful musicians and readers from the parish all blended together to make the liturgy meaningful. Fr. Cyril inspired all with his sermon on our Blessed Mother.

Then followed the Cultural program at Sevadaan, which was professionally done. The script was written by Mrs. Sylvia Coutinho and Derek D'souza dressed as a priest took us down memory lane and enacted scenes from



the birth of Fr. Gregory and his life till the present date. Children from both schools, youth and seniors from Chembur were involved in the dances, Carnival floats and the Konkanim mandos. Darren Das impressed us all as a professional choreographer, with the direction of the dancers and music. It was great to watch Darren swinging away to Elvis Presley numbers. The program was truly a Goan experience authentically done and the backdrop by Fr. James with his artistic talents made one really feel present in Goa. Captivating indeed!

Fr. Gregory thanked every person present and said that it was an occasion that he would remember for the next 25 years. It warmed his heart to the core and the cultural program was a huge, professional surprise to him. Hats off to Fr. James, the Assistant Rector for taking the first step and for toiling day and night. Congratulations to the Redemptorist community, the Sisters and every parishioner who worked hard in the smallest possible way to make the day a grand success, with the blessings of our Lord Jesus and his Mother.

Fr. Gregory - What you mean to us.

Faith formation with creativity and challenging tasks.
Remembers clear priorities easily.

Goes out of his way to help priests, sisters and lay people.
Reaches out willingly to all who seek his advice.
Enchants people with his smile and approachable manner.
Gives a listening ear, even when he is busy.
On the move, attending to minute details and finishing touches.
Rocks away to spiritual music and entertainment with rhythm.
You are the Lord's precious priest, for all seasons.

Celia Nazareth



Kuch Kuch Ho Raha Hai..... Community Happenings

A brief report of the happenings in all the 22 SCCs of our Parish for the period June 2006 to August 2006.

In June, the 22 SCCs came together to conduct the daily

Liturgy of the Novena to Our Lady, whose Feast was celebrated on 27th June. The theme of the Novena was "The Beatitudes", and for each day of the Novena the SCCs prepared banners and had creative inputs to make congregational participation more meaningful. The Cultural programme which followed the celebration of the Eucharist on the evening of the Feast Day was an entertaining production of creativity, drama and fun, enthusiastically presented by all SCCs in the Parish. Mention must be made of the beautiful stage backdrop which was a cutout shape of our Mother – painstakingly decorated with gold / silver dust. The Annual feature of the novena celebration is the hosting of a get-together and a meal for the Senior citizens of our parish. They enjoyed an afternoon of games, sing song and fellowship.

This year our Parish has 86 Confirmation candidates and hence most SCCs have conducted the "Rite of Acceptance" prayer service in their respective groups in July. Some SCCs continue visiting the families in their Community in an effort to know them better. The sick and ailing have been shown love and affection and one SCC in particular got involved in hospitalising two elderly siblings who had no one to care for them. The community also made funeral arrangements for one of the sisters who succumbed to an illness.

Following the July 2005 floods, one SCC made efforts to meet the local BMC officials and sought their assistance in helping in the problems of water logging and drainage. Working with the ALM, another SCC made a concentrated effort to attend to drainage, potable water and civic issues.



In August one SCC presented a Spiritual Bouquet to the priests of our parish on Vianney Sunday. The Bouquet comprised of community

members offering to attend Masses, and to do acts of charity and sacrifices.

Efforts are in progress to get Community members to spend an hour at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and one community had committed the 5th of every month as the date of visits. This is in keeping with the Archdiocese PEACE initiative.

Two SCCs conducted a session on "Understanding the Sacraments and their Communitarian Dimension". Another SCC had a fellowship, and a questionnaire on the Eucharist was discussed.

There was flag hoisting on Independence Day and a Celebration of Baptism in the neighbourhood.

The Holy Hour in the Church was conducted by different SCCs on every First Friday of the Month.

Wilson U. Patrao

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat"
(Mt. 25:35)

The Bombay Catholic Sabha has been serving mid-day meals for the last 2 years to 65 adults and children, Monday through Friday.

A day's meal costs approximately Rs.1,000/-
We appeal to Parishioners and well-wishers to Sponsor.

**Kindly contact Committee Members of
The Bombay Catholic Sabha**



Peace Rally

In response to the call given by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, to observe a memorial service on Tuesday, 18th July 2006 at 6.24pm, in remembrance of the victims of the bomb blasts on July 11, the Parishioners of OLPS Church under the banner of The Bombay Catholic Sabha and AGNI assembled in front of the Chembur Railway Station on 18th July at 6.15pm.

Fr Edgar Moreira C.Ss.R., a priest from the OLPS Church and a good number of nuns from St Joseph's Convent, along with three hundred members of the OLPS Parish, and members belonging to other communities in the neighbourhood were present when the first siren was blown at 6.24pm.

Candles were lit and all stood in silence in memory of the victims and in solidarity with the families of the victims. After the 2-minute silence was observed, a Pledge was read by each and everyone present expressing heartfelt sympathies to the families of the deceased members and resolving to work with renewed determination for peace and harmony among all peoples, irrespective of caste, creed and community.



George Kurian, representing the Bombay Catholic Sabha and AGNI, thanked the people present for showing their concern for and oneness of spirit with those who suffered in the blasts. He affirmed that their presence in large numbers was an expression of unity and civic consciousness. He thanked the Railways for restoring the services swiftly and for dispensing compensation to the victims immediately. The Mumbai police was thanked for putting in 30-40 hours of continuous work, for restoring law and order and for help rendered to the victims immediately. The doctors, nurses and staff of Lokmanya Tilak hospital, the K.E.M. hospital and other hospitals in the city were thanked for the selfless work rendered to the victims and the injured. The people living close to blast sites were also thanked for their readiness in reaching out to the injured, and their sensitivity to the dead.

The universal hymn for unity "Bind us Together" was then sung. The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

George Kurian



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Meaningful Responses at Mass

“Amen” when receiving Communion: Holding the Sacred Host before us the Celebrant says: “The Body of Christ”. To which we reply “Amen”. When the Celebrant points to the Host with the words “The Body of Christ” he does not only mean that this little piece of bread is the Risen Lord really present in it. But he also points out to the whole community of baptized - the Mystical Body of Christ.



Take And Eat: So the celebrant says to each communicant: “This (myself, my body, my person) is the Body of Christ- take and eat, consume it for it is given for you. And this is what he is expected to do when he serves his parishioners throughout the day and week giving of his body, time talents, energy- the whole of himself that they may be nourished and grow in their Christ-life. He lives for others, or rather; he dies in slow degrees so that others may live. What is said of the priest and his self-giving applies equally to each person receiving Holy Communion. His/her life is meant to be apostolic - a

breaking of self to feed others. This readiness to give of oneself is expressed by the “Amen”. Having understood this, let us answer “Amen” boldly.

“Amen” at the end of each prayer: Again, routinely we make this response under our breath. That short response

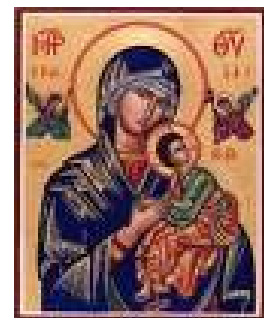
means: “So be it”. In other words we endorse or approve of the petition the celebrant has made. We boldly request the Father to give us what we ask in the name of Jesus.

Response at the end of the readings: When we have attentively and eagerly listened to a speaker whose words have stirred us we respond at the end of his/her speech with enthusiastic applause. At mass we have God himself offering each of us personally a life-giving message. Should we not respond to God’s Word with a resounding “Thanks be to God” and “Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ”?

(Do want to know how to bring the mass into your daily life? Access our parish website <http://www.geocities.com/olpschurch>. Click on “Notice Board”).

Our Weekly Perpetual Novena

For quite some time we have been thinking of ways and means to make our novena more appealing to our parishioners. To increase the attendance it was integrated into the evening mass. As a result the Eucharist has been given less importance. At the same time one or other prayer or hymn of the novena has been omitted. Now we are trying out a further experiment: From the 9th September the novena service has been held every Saturday at 6.30p.m. followed by the usual evening mass. This will encourage those who attend the Mahim novena on Wednesday to be present on Saturday also. Your attendance will indicate its success.



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